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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEATS STATE 83879 ACTION TEHRAN INFO JIDDA

APRIL 11TH

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: A

TAGS: USSAEC, EAID, AFSP, SA, US

SUBJECT: OPRED/MODE-TREASURY REQUEST TO ESTABLISH OVER-
SEAS POSITIONS FOR JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE AT RIYADH

TEHRAN FOR RUTHERFORD POATS; JIDDA INFO FOR AMBASSADOR

1. BELIEVE YOU SAW BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE LETTER DATED
APRIL 4 FROM PARSKY TO DEPUTY SECRETARY REQUESTING THAT
NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH TWELVE OVERSEAS
POSITIONS (9 U.S., 3 FOREIGN NATIONALS) FOR JOINT COMMISSION
OFFICE AT RIYADH. FOUR WOULD BE US-FUNDED (DIRECTOR,
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMMO OFFICER, SECRETARY) REMAINDER SAG-

FUNDED. FYI. WHILE POSITIONS REIMBURSED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO OPRED CONTROL, CONSENSUS IN WASHINGTON IS THAT THEY SHOULD BE MONITORED CENTRALLY BY OPRED/MODE STAFF. END FYI. FOUR OF SAG-FUNDED POSITIONS WOULD PROVIDE PROGRAM MONITORS FOR FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

2. LETTER STATES INTER ALIA THAT UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HAS AGREED TO THE MATTER OF STAFFING THE RIYADH OFFICE. ON THE OTHER HAND STAFFING FORMULATION IN PARSKY LETTER RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO WHICH WE HAVE NO READY ANSWERS WITHOUT FURTHER INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION.

3. SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS, WE PROPOSE TO GIVE TREASURY PROPOSAL REGULAR OPRED/MODE REVIEW (CONSULTATION WITH CONCERNED PARTIES INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, SAG, OMB, AND ANY AGENCY WITH MAJOR INTEREST SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, NSF, ETC). WE WANT TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY BUT KNOW OF NO REQUIREMENT TO REACH URGENT FINAL AGREEMENT ON DETAILS OF STAFFING AS PROPOSED BY TREASURY PENDING RECEIPT OF BOWDEN GROUP'S REPORT, YOUR RETURN TO DEPARTMENT, PROMULGATION OF TCA, ETC.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BY PRIORITY MESSAGE.
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